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LETTER DATED 28 SEPTEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 11 to 20 September 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation.

11 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

12 September 1994

Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

- At 1246 hours on 12 September 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Chabaish. It departed at 1457 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

13 September 1994

Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

14 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Qurnah, Busayyah and Jalibah.

15 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil and Dohuk.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

16 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Aqrah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Artawi, Jalibah and Suq al-Shuyukh.

17 September 1994

Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Salman, Qurnah and Qal'at Salih.

- At 1250 hours on 17 September 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance plane violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over the area to the north of Safwan. It departed at 1544 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

18 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Aqrah, Amadiyah and Sinjar.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah, Basra and Ushbayjah.

19 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Salman, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

20 September 1994

(a) Northern region: 37 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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